

**MINUTES  
PARK COMMITTEE  
Wednesday, September 10, 2014  
City Hall, Room 207  
5:30 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Aldermen Jerry Wiezbiskie, Joseph Moore, Brian Danzinger, and David Nennig

Ald. Danzinger arrived at 5:34 p.m.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Dan Ditscheit, James Andersen, Ann Moeller, Ald. Steuer, and Ald. Wery

**Approval of the minutes of the meeting of August 13, 2014**

A motion was made by Ald. Moore and seconded by Ald. Nennig to approve the minutes of the meeting of August 13, 2014. Motion carried.

**Adoption of the Agenda**

A motion was made by Ald. Nennig and seconded by Ald. Moore to adopt the agenda of the September 10, 2014, Park Committee meeting. Motion carried.

**1. Discussion/Action on a request by American Cancer Society to host Tramon Williams 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Powder Puff Game at Joannes Stadium on October 14, 2014**

The American Cancer Society approached the Parks Department and requested to utilize Joannes Stadium to run their 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Tramon Williams Powder Puff Game with proceeds going towards breast cancer initiatives. This event will promote breast cancer education for early detection and prevention. Funds will be restricted to breast cancer research, breast cancer patient programs and services, and help women in need of mammograms to get their screening.

The event will be held on Tuesday, October 14, 2014, from 4:30-9 p.m. A portion of right field at Joannes Stadium will be transformed into a 60 x 40 yard lined football field, and fans will get a close-up view of 20-25 Packer player wives playing powder puff football. It is a family event with the following admission rates: ages 5 and under are free, ages 6-11 are \$5, and ages 12 and older are \$7.

Fundraising opportunities along with this event will include food concessions, raffles, selling pink merchandise, general donations, and activities. Attendance is anticipated to be approximately 1,000 people.

The Parks Department has had numerous meetings and discussed all event logistics with the event organizers, as well as the Green Bay Bullfrogs. The Green Bay Bullfrogs will facilitate opening/closing, the speaker system, and have concession rights for the event. No alcohol will be permitted or sold.

All security, cost, permits, insurance, etc. have been coordinated and paid for by the American Cancer Society. The City is also listed as a sponsor for this event. The City's cost is approximately \$460.

A motion was made by Ald. Moore and seconded by Ald. Nennig to open the floor for discussion. Motion carried.

Laurie Bertrand, 3116 Alfa Romeo – She is the American Cancer Society staff person for this great family event. There was a great turnout last year. This flag football event is very interactive and fans can see Packer players up close. Tickets are available pregame at the American Cancer Society or on the Making Strides against Breast Cancer website. The game will be played rain or shine.

Ald. Nennig said he supported the game and would promote it to his constituents.

A motion was made by Ald. Danzinger and seconded by Ald. Moore to return to regular order of business. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Ald. Nennig and seconded by Ald. Moore to approve the request by American Cancer Society to host Tramon Williams 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Powder Puff Game at Joannes Stadium on October 14, 2014, contingent upon:

- All expenses are the responsibility of the American Cancer Society;
- All proper permits and insurances being obtained;
- Must adhere to all noise ordinances and regulations;
- No alcohol allowed.

Motion carried.

## **2. Discussion/Action on the presentation of the final concept for the redevelopment of Colburn Pool**

At the Park Committee meeting on August 13, 2014, Ramaker and Associates presented three proposed conceptual designs for the possible redevelopment of Colburn Pool. These concepts were also shared with the City Council and the Friends of Colburn Park Pool. Comments from all parties were given to Ramaker and Associates. The consultant then took elements from each concept and developed one final pool concept that they will present tonight. The intent of this agenda item is to only discuss the conceptual design. The potential funding for the pool will be discussed at a future Park Committee meeting.

Daryl Matzke, Ramaker and Associates – The final proposed concept is an 8-lane, 50-meter rectangular pool with competition focus. The south end of the pool has two diving boards, a drop slide, and a climbing wall. This concept also includes a second smaller pool with a current channel and a zero-depth entry that gets to about 3½ feet at its deepest. A new bathhouse will include showers, changing areas, toilet facilities, concessions, and a community room. The concession area serves both the pool and park areas and has an adjacent restroom off of the parking lot that can be opened during park events. In the locker rooms, there is an extensive amount of bathroom facilities due to code requirements. However, the design can include a way to close off a portion of those restrooms to the public when the pool is not operating at full capacity in an effort to cut down on staff time and maintenance of the facility. There will be a rental shelter and dry play area. There is some landscaping as well. The concept provides room for portable bleachers for large swim events. There are a few positive reasons to have zero-depth entry pool separate from the larger pool. In the event of a fecal incident in one pool, the other can remain open to swimmers. Secondly, since this is a competition pool, the attached pools would inhibit access to all parts of the larger pool by coaches and referees. The third reason for separating the pools is for lifeguard staffing. You can close down the smaller pool if desired and not staff it. The overall site plan increases the parking from 55 stalls to 92 stalls. Pool capacity requires 84 stalls. 25 trees total would be lost with this concept, but the best trees would remain. To improve parking safety and number of stalls, a loss of trees is necessary. The total budget for the facility is \$4.5 million, including demolition, pools, bathhouse, parking, landscaping, etc. and represents 15% contingency.

Ald. Wiezbiskie asked if the unisex bathroom was legal. D. Matzke said it was.

Ald. Wiezbiskie questioned the possibility of excavation savings due to the fact that the new pool's footprint is basically the same as the existing. D. Matzke responded he did not think there would be a noticeable cost savings.

Ald. Danzinger asked if any more thought had been given to phasing in some of the additions, such as the dry play area, the rental shelter, landscaping, etc. D. Matzke said all of those items could be added at a later date.

Ald. Danzinger commented on the lawn seating area and asked if the residents of the area had requested that portion. D. Matzke said Parks Department staff had requested it as another area of seating for patrons not using the pool but who are there with those that are in the pool area.

A motion was made by Ald. Moore and seconded by Ald. Nennig to open the floor for discussion. Motion carried.

Ald. Wery thanked Ramaker and Associates for the concept. He feels that many of the comments he received have been incorporated in this concept. He is a huge proponent for the rental shelter, community room, and concessions areas because of the possibility to increase revenue to cover expenses. Staff stated that these areas could be rented year round. Ald. Wery commented that we should consider having the zero-depth pool attached to the larger pool for easy access to the larger pool for families.

Ald. Moore said both the current and new pools should have chairlifts. The City has received an extension for this requirement at the existing pool.

Katherine Meyer, 837 Ernst Drive – She has supported Colburn Pool in the past and will continue to do so. She asked about the pool entrances.

D. Matzke explained how to enter the zero-depth wading pool and the chairlift into the larger pool.

A motion was made by Ald. Moore and seconded by Ald. Nennig to return to regular order of business. Motion carried.

Ald. Danzinger asked how staff wanted to go forward as he does not see much opposition to the plan and does not see a need to slow down the process. He would like to address the comment to connect the two pools together. From both budget and fundraising points-of-view, it might be prudent to phase in the dry play area, rental shelter, community room, and landscaping portions.

Ald. Wiezbiskie would like to give City Council time to digest the concept and make any suggestions towards its improvement.

Staff said perhaps a week of further comments from the Park Committee, staff, and the public would help shape a final concept to be presented at a later date.

Ald. Wiezbiskie would like to receive input from the other Council members and make modifications to the plan before presenting the concept at a Council meeting. He also encouraged fundraisers to work hard to raise money as it will be an easier sell to the City Council if at least a good portion of the funding is being appropriated from the public.

Ald. Nennig asked if staff has received estimates regarding operating expenses, as well as a projection of revenue and attendance. Staff said those estimates are being compiled and will be presented at a future meeting.

Ald. Nennig also inquired about how long the current pool will be out of operation due to the construction of the new concept.

D. Matzke said it obviously depends on timing, but it might only be out of commission for a portion of one season. Staff stated it would depend on when the funding became available.

Ald. Nennig would like staff to make a presentation to the Council after the operating projections are completed.

A motion was made by Ald. Danzinger and seconded by Ald. Nennig to refer to staff to solicit feedback from interested parties, as well as the City Council, and present the

revised conceptual Colburn Pool master plan at the next Park Committee meeting. Motion carried.

### **3. Director's Report**

Construction began on the West Side Trail. The vegetation has been cleared. The contractor is currently working on road modifications and placing the gravel base.

There was a sewer backup at the Fisk Park shelter due to a break in the sewer pipe. A contractor will have to replace the sewer line from the shelter to Reed Street.

The 4K program at the Wildlife Sanctuary started up for the year on September 2. Once again, both the morning and afternoon sessions are full to capacity and have a waiting list.

Fall yoga began September 2 at the Wildlife Sanctuary. Yoga will take place through the year on Tuesday and Thursday nights.

The summer playground program ended last month and was a big success. We reached 60,000 children in the 10-week program and served over 110,000 lunches.

The outdoor pools closed for the season on August 21. Attendance was down due to lower temperatures.

The new owners of the Green Bay Bullfrogs had successful first-time events: Curdfest on August 23 and Oktoberfest on September 6. The new Bullfrog owners had a great first year and look forward to even more fan experiences next year.

The Stadium Run for Veterans held on September 6 highlighted a large portion of our trail system between East River Park and City Stadium. This event was an overwhelming success once again with over 800 runners taking part.

Bay Beach Amusement Park is now only open on the weekends for the rest of the season. We will fill you in on the final numbers and attendance after the season ends.

The train for Bay Beach Amusement Park has been delivered, and the next step is to have an engineer to design the train realignment.

A motion was made by Ald. Danzinger and seconded by Ald. Moore to receive and place on file the Director's Report. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Ald. Nennig and seconded by Ald. Moore to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:19 p.m.